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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

18 January 1955

MEMORANDUM FOR THE INTELLIGENCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

SUBJECT: Release of NIE 32-55: The Outlook for Greece

The Board recommends that NIE 32-55 not be released to any foreign government.

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BACKGROUND

1. This estimate is designed to provide intelligence support for an impending NSC review of US policy with respect to Greece. It is the first NIE we have done on Greece. Originally scheduled for first quarter 1954, its production was deferred for want of a pressing need for it at that time.

DISCUSSION

2. Our discussions with the IAC representatives disclosed no significant differences with respect to the general tenor and content of the paper, although various questions of detail had to be worked out. On the basis of a preliminary check with the agencies, we do not expect any changes to be proposed at the IAC meeting.

3. The estimate has been coordinated in draft with the Greek specialists in DB/P and O/CI. Both offices have expressed agreement with the present draft, although O/CI probably still takes a more pessimistic view of the Papagos government's position and prospects than we do. In this connection, the qualified conclusion (Paragraph 2) that "On the basis of present indications, Papagos and the Rally will probably win the 1956 elections..." is as firm a prediction as we believe can be made at this time—particularly in view of the key role of the US in Greek affairs. We would recommend that you oppose any proposal which might be made to strengthen this conclusion.

FOR THE BOARD OF NATIONAL ESTIMATES:

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